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COMPUTERISATION IN DELHI COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the district and subordinate courts in the capital are proposed to be computerised during the current year;

(b) if so, the other metros where the subordinate courts are likely to be computerised;

(c) the facilities of benefits are likely to be provided to the public in filing their cases and to find out the latest outcome of the case after the computerisation; and

(d) the other measures the Government propose to implement for speedy dispensation of justice?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

The project of computerization of subordinate courts/ city civil courts in Delhi will be started during the current year. The project is likely to be completed in a year`s time after start of the work.

(b): As per the present proposal, the city civil courts in Chennai, Kolkata & Mumbai will also be computerized.

(c): The computerization of city courts envisages a centralized filing counter for streamlining the whole activity of filing process. As soon as a case is filed at the filing counter, the computer decides the posting of a case to a judge based on the work distribution. It will automatically register the case in the court and produce a receipt for the litigants/advocates, giving details such as the registration number of the case, parties involved in the case and the name of the court to which it has been posted. At the end of each day the computer will generate a list of cases filed on that day. Cause lists will be generated for each court.

Once the city civil court`s pending case information is available, the same can be made available on the Internet. The litigants/advocates can find out the latest status of their pending cases in the city civil court, at any time from their residences/offices. It is proposed to provide for electronic filing of documents & petitions in city courts in metropolises. Arrangments are also being made for seeking copies of court orders and other documents through the internet, on payment by credit card.

(d): Both Government and Judiciary are concerned with mountingbacklog of cases. Various steps have been taken by the Government by implementing a series of measures for the speedy disposal of cases. These include filling up of vacant posts of Judicial Officers, establishment of Special Courts/Tribunals, appointment of Special Judicial/MetropolitanMagistrates, and adoption of alternative modes of dispute resolution, such as, arbitration and conciliation. Lok Adalats have been given a statutory base as supplementary forum for resolution of disputes.